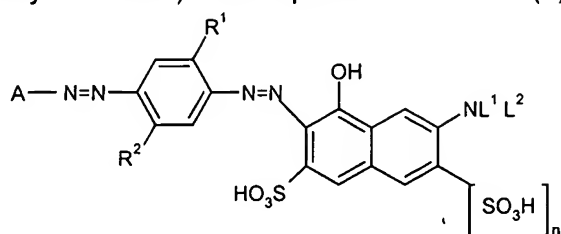


IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is a substituted phenyl group carrying a group of the formula $-NR^3R^4$ and an ortho group selected from the group consisting of sulfo, phosphonato and phosphinato;

n is 0 or 1;

L^1 and L^2 are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or L^1 and L^2 together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted alkoxy; and at least one of R^1 and R^2 carries an $-OH$ group and

R^3 and R^4 are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring; or

R^3 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl and R^4 is an acyl group.

Claim 2 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 0; L^1 and L^2 are H; and R^3 and R^4 are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered ring.

Claim 3 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 1; L¹ and L² are H; and R³ and R⁴ are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring.

Claim 4 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 0; L¹ and L² are H; R³ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl; and R⁴ is an acyl group.

Claim 5 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 1; L¹ and L² are H; R³ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl; and R⁴ is an acyl group.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or 6 wherein R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkyl-OH, phenyl or phenyl carrying a carboxy and/or sulpho group, or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an optionally substituted morpholino or piperidino ring.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A compound according to any one of claims 1, 4 or 5 wherein R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkyl-OH, phenyl and phenyl carrying a carboxy and/or sulpho group.

Claim 9 (previously amended): A compound according to any one of claims 1, 4 or 5 wherein R⁴ is of the formula -COR⁵, -SOR⁵ or -SO₂R⁵, wherein R⁵ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl.

Claim 10 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein the group of the formula -NR³R⁴ is in the para position with respect to the azo linkage.

Claim 11 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein the ortho group on A is sulpho.

Claim 12 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein one of R¹ and R² is -OC₁₋₄-alkyl-OH and the other is -OC₁₋₄-alkyl or -OC₁₋₄-alkyl-OH.

Claim 13 (previously amended): An ink comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a liquid medium or a low melting point solid medium.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An ink according to claim 13 which contains a further colorant selected from the group consisting of black, cyan and yellow colorants.

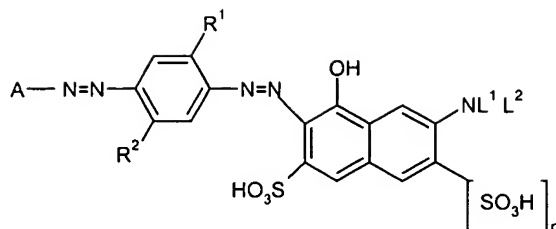
Claim 15 (previously amended): An ink according to claim 13 which contains less than 500ppm in total of divalent and trivalent metal ions.

Claim 16 (original): A process for forming an image on a substrate comprising applying an ink according to claim 13, 14 or 15 to the substrate by means of an ink jet printer.

Claim 17 (previously amended): A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed with an ink according to claim 13, 14 or 15.

Claim 18 (original): An ink jet printer cartridge, optionally refillable, comprising a chamber and an ink, wherein the ink is present in the chamber and the ink is as defined in claim 13, 14 or 15.

Claim 19 (new): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is a substituted phenyl group carrying a group of the formula -NR³R⁴ and an ortho group selected from the group consisting of sulpho, phosphonato and phosphinato;

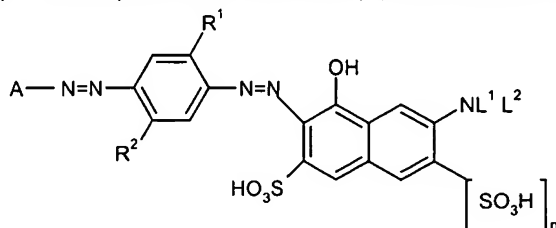
n is 1;

L¹ and L² are H;

R¹ and R² are each independently optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted alkoxy; and

R³ and R⁴ are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring.

Claim 20 (new): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is a substituted phenyl group carrying a group of the formula -NR³R⁴ and an ortho group selected from the group consisting of sulpho, phosphonato and phosphinato;

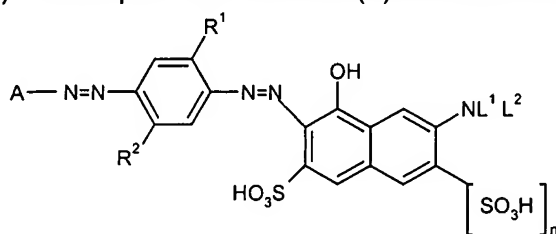
n is 1;

L^1 and L^2 are H;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted alkoxy;

R^3 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl and R^4 is an acyl group.

Claim 21 (new): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is a substituted phenyl group carrying a group of the formula $-NR^3R^4$ and an ortho group selected from the group consisting of sulfo, phosphonato and phosphinato;

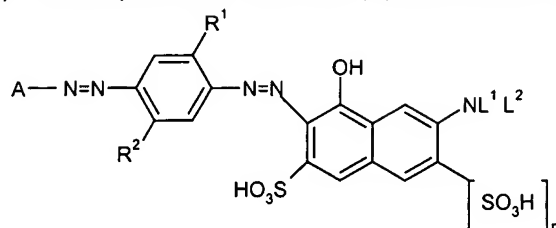
n is 0 or 1;

L^1 and L^2 are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or L^1 and L^2 together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted alkoxy;

R^3 and R^4 are each selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} -alkyl, C_{1-4} -alkyl-OH, phenyl or phenyl carrying a carboxy and/or sulfo group, or R^3 and R^4 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an optionally substituted morpholino or piperidino group.

Claim 22 (new): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is a substituted phenyl group carrying a group of the formula -NR³R⁴ and an ortho group selected from the group consisting of sulpho, phosphonato and phosphinato;

n is 0 or 1;

L¹ and L² are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl, or L¹ and L² together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered ring;

R¹ and R² are each independently optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted alkoxy;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkyl-OH, phenyl and phenyl carrying a carboxy and/or sulpho group; and R⁴ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aryl.